

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A heating unit for heating an object to be heated by irradiating a light onto the object, the heating unit comprising:

10 a plurality of lamps including at least one first lamp and a plurality of second lamps each having an irradiation area smaller than that of said first lamp; and
15 a lamp house having a first lamp accommodation part at a center thereof and a second lamp accommodation part surrounding the first lamp accommodation part so that said first lamp accommodation part accommodates said first lamp and said second lamp accommodation part accommodates said second lamps.

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25 2. The heating unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said second lamps generates an irradiation energy per unit length greater than an irradiation energy per unit length of said first lamp.

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3. The heating unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein a number of said second lamps per unit area is greater than a number of said first lamps per unit area.

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4. The heating unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lamps are detachably attached to said first and second lamp accommodating parts, respectively.

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5. The heating unit as claimed in claim 1,
wherein each of said lamps has a reflective part that
10 reflects a light emitted by an illuminant thereof.

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15 6. The heating unit as claimed in claim 1,
wherein each of said lamps has a threaded part on a side
surface thereof, and each of said first and second lamp
accommodation parts has a threaded part engageable with
the threaded part of each of said lamps.

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7. The heating unit as claimed in claim 1,
25 wherein each of said first and second lamp accommodation
parts has a plurality of plates attached to an inner
surface thereof so that the plates are located between
said inner surface and each of said lamps, thereby holding
each of said lamps by elastic deformation of said plates.

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8. A heat treatment apparatus for applying a heat treatment to an object to be processed, the heat treatment apparatus comprising:

5 a support member on which the object to be processed is placed; and

10 a heating unit located above said support member so as to irradiate a light onto the object to be processed placed on said support member,

15 wherein said heating unit comprising:

20 a plurality of lamps including at least one first lamp and a plurality of second lamps each having an irradiation area smaller than that of said first lamp; and

25 a lamp house having a first lamp accommodation part at a center thereof and a second lamp accommodation part surrounding the first lamp accommodation part so that said first lamp accommodation part accommodates said first lamp and said second lamp accommodation part accommodates said second lamps.

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9. A lamp applicable to a heat source for heating an object to be processed, the lamp comprising:

25 an electrode part to which an electric power is supplied;

30 a pair of first filaments connected to said electrode part;

35 a second filament connected to said first filaments and having a diameter smaller than a diameter of each of said first filaments,

40 wherein said second filament is configured and arranged to serve as a surface illuminant with respect to the object to be processed.

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10. The lamp as claimed in claim 9, wherein
said surface illuminant is parallel to the object to be
processed.

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11. The lamp as claimed in claim 9, wherein
said surface illuminant has a convex shape protruding in a
10 direction away from the object to be processed.

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15 12. The lamp as claimed in claim 9, wherein
said surface illuminant has a polygonal shape or a
circular shape when viewed from the object to be processed.

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13. The lamp as claimed in claim 9, further
comprising a shield part that reflects a light emitted by
said second filament, the shield part being located on a
25 side opposite to the object to be processed with respect
to said second filament.

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14. The lamp as claimed in claim 9, wherein
said second filament includes a first part facing the
object to be processed and a second part farther from the

object to be processed than said first part, and said first part has a work function lower than a work function of said second part.

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15. The lamp as claimed in claim 14, wherein
said first part has a cover film made of a material having
10 a work function lower than a work function of a material
of said second filament.

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16. The lamp as claimed in claim 15, wherein said second filament is made of tungsten, and said cover film is made of thorium.

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17. The lamp as claimed in claim 15, wherein
said second filament is made of a material selected from a
group consisting of platinum, connel alloy, tungsten and
nickel, and said cover film is made of a material selected
from a group consisting of barium oxide, strontium oxide
and calcium oxide.

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18. A heat treatment apparatus for applying a heat treatment to an object to be processed, the heat treatment apparatus comprising:

5 a support member on which the object to be processed is placed; and

10 a plurality of lamps located above said support member for heating the object to be processed, each of said lamps comprising:

15 an electrode part to which an electric power is supplied;

20 a pair of first filaments connected to said electrode part;

25 a second filament connected to said first filaments and having a diameter smaller than a diameter of each of said first filaments,

30 wherein said second filament is configured and arranged to serve as a surface illuminant with respect to the object to be processed.

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19. A lamp adapted to be used as a heat source for heating an object to be heated, the lamp comprising:

25 an illuminant generating a light;

30 a light-emitting part having an inner surface covering the illuminant and an projection face through which the light generated by the illuminant is projected, said inner surface having a hemispherical shape or a circular cone shape; and

35 a reflective part provided to said inner surface of said light-emitting part so as to reflect the light generated and emitted by said illuminant.

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20. The lamp as claimed in claim 19, wherein said illuminant is positioned so as to emit the light to travel in a direction perpendicular to said projection face.

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21. The lamp as claimed in claim 19, further
10 comprising an electrode part to which an electric power is
supplied and connected to said light-emitting part,
wherein said illuminant comprises a filament coil
electrically connected to said electrode part and said
filament coil is positioned parallel to said projection
15 face.

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20 22. The lamp as claimed in claim 19, wherein
said illuminant is configured and arranged to be a surface
light-source when said lamp is viewed in a direction
perpendicular to said projection face.

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23. The lamp as claimed in claim 19, wherein
said reflective part includes a reflective film provided
30 on said inner surface of said light-emitting part.

24. The lamp as claimed in claim 23, wherein
said reflective film is made of a plated gold film.

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25. A heat treatment apparatus for applying a
heat treatment to an object to be processed, the heat
treatment apparatus comprising:

10 a support member on which the object to be
processed is placed; and

 a plurality of lamps located above said support
member for heating the object to be processed, each of
said lamps comprising:

15 an illuminant generating a light;

 a light-emitting part having an inner surface
covering the illuminant and an projection face through
which the light generated by the illuminant is projected,
said inner surface having a hemispherical shape or a
20 circular cone shape; and

 a reflective part provided to said inner surface
of said light-emitting part so as to reflect the light
generated and emitted by said illuminant.

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26. A lamp for heating an object to be
processed, the lamp being configured and arranged to be
30 supported and cooled by a lamp support part, the lamp
comprising:

 a light-emitting part emitting a light so as to
heat the object to be processed; and

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a reflector reflecting the light emitted by said light-emitting part toward the object to be processed,
wherein said light-emitting part and said reflector are detachably attached to the lamp support part.

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10 27. The lamp as claimed in claim 26, wherein
said reflector is configured and arranged to be attached
to the lamp support part and separable from said light-
emitting part.

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20 28. The lamp as claimed in claim 26, wherein
said reflector has a hemispherical shape or a circular
cone shape.

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29. The lamp as claimed in claim 26, wherein
25 said reflector comprises an aluminum body and a reflective
film formed on a surface facing said light-emitting part,
said reflective film including a nickel layer and a gold
layer or a nickel layer, a gold layer, a rhodium layer and
a gold layer provided on said surface of said aluminum
30 body sequentially in that order.

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30. The lamp as claimed in claim 26, wherein
said reflector is configured to reflect an infrared light
and a visible light.

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31. A heat treatment apparatus for applying a
heat treatment to an object to be processed, the heat
10 treatment apparatus comprising:

a support member on which the object to be
processed is placed;

a lamp support part located above said support
member; and

15 a lamp attached to said lamp support part for
heating the object to be processed, the lamp comprising:

a light-emitting part emitting a light so as to
heat the object to be processed; and

20 a reflector reflecting the light emitted by said
light-emitting part toward the object to be processed,
wherein said light-emitting part and said
reflector are detachably attached to said lamp support
part.

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32. The heat treatment apparatus as claimed in
claim 31, wherein said reflector is configured and
30 arranged to be attached to the lamp support part and
separable from said light-emitting part.

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33. The heat treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 31, wherein said reflector has a hemispherical shape or a circular cone shape.

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34. The heat treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 31, further comprising an electrode part to which an 10 electric power is supplied and connected to said light-emitting part, wherein said lamp support part comprises:

a first cooling part for cooling said reflector and said light-emitting part; and
a second cooling part for cooling said electrode 15 part.

20 35. The heat treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 31, further comprising an electrode part to which an electric power is supplied and connected to said light-emitting part, wherein the electric power supplied to said electrode part differs depending on positions 25 corresponding to the object to be processed.

30 36. The heat treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 31, wherein said light-emitting part has reflecting means for reflecting the light toward the object to be processed.

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37. The heat treatment apparatus as claimed in
claim 36, wherein said reflector and said reflecting means
together form a hemispheric shape of a circular cone shape.

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